

CABBIES LEFT AT THE FINISH

Story of Alexander H. Stephens of Georgia.

MRS. DUBOIS FIGHTS SMOOT

GOSSIP OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

(Special to The Herald.)

Washington, Jan. 24.—The recent spat in a senate elevator between Senator Hoar and Editor Scott of Portland was because the distinguished senator from Massachusetts felt vexed because the editor had said in his paper that the late Senator Morrill of Vermont "kept alive to save funeral expenses." A southern senator says that the incident brings to his mind the fact that many years ago, when Alexander Stephens represented Georgia in the house, a stranger saw him creeping along Pennsylvania avenue and asked a cabman who the sticky, puny little man was. "That, sir," replied the cabby, "is the meanest man in Washington, the very meanest. For years and years we cabmen have been waiting for that man to die so that we could get a job as a public funeral, but he just keeps moving around to save funeral expenses." Stephens did not die in Washington and the cabbies never got the job that they looked for.

Mrs. Dubois Active.
Mrs. Fred T. Dubois, wife of Senator Dubois of Idaho, is active in the work undertaken by the Congress of Mothers against Mormonism and polygamy. At a lunch recently given by Mrs. Dubois to the executive board of the Congress of Mothers the Smoot case was discussed, and it was decided that the campaign against polygamy should continue regardless of the action of the senate in the Smoot trial. The executive board will request the representatives of foreign governments at Washington to inform their governments at home that Mormonism embraces polygamy, and that steps should be taken to prevent the immigration of women to Utah before first being made aware of the true state of affairs there. The annual meeting of the Mothers' congress will be held in Chicago May 11-14, and a Mothers' Congress day at the St. Louis exposition will be held May 26.

Soldiers of Fortune.
Dr. Herran, who has had charge of Colombian affairs here, takes back with him to his own country a big stack of letters, the writers of which have made application to enlist in the Colombian forces in the event of war between Colombia and Panama. These letters are in the main from "soldiers of fortune," and the majority of them come from Germany, although quite a number are written by Germans. Some of the letters are written by men who have been officers in the German army, and will not enlist unless they are given posts of importance. German endorsement of Colombia is accounted for by the fact that a large percentage of the foreign residents here are German, and that the Colombian army is organized and drilled under German methods. The offer of the Canadians to enlist is taken as an indication that the Panama policy of the United States is not looked upon with favor by our northern neighbor.

Embassy Building.
The French government owns a large lot in Washington, purchased two years ago for the sum of \$100,000, and intended for the location of an embassy building. It was expected that the French National assembly would make provision for the erection of the building on this lot, but its recent session, but no appropriation was made, and the matter will go over at least another year. In anticipation, however, of building a fine embassy building in Washington, it is stated that the French government has designated one of the leading architects of France to prepare designs for the building.

Poor Mail Service.
Senator Dubois has a report from the second assistant postmaster general relative to the postal service in the poor mail service into the Thunder Mountain district. A special agent of the postoffice department has investigated the conditions and reports that the route from Idaho City to Roosevelt is undoubtedly the roughest and most difficult of any in the United States. During the entire year a portion of the mail must be carried on foot by the mail carriers and at the present time part of the service is performed by carriers on snow shoes. The special agent expressed sympathy for the mail contractor, his compensation being inadequate for the services to be performed. During the winter months much of the heavier class of mail has to be left to accumulate on account of the difficulty of carrying it across the snow-covered ranges and passes into the district.

Distinguished Visitor.
A visitor of rank, but who is supposed to travel incognito, is coming to Washington. This is Mirza Asa Khan, the grand vizier of Persia. The grand vizier is making a tour of the world, his ultimate destination being Mecca, which shrine he will visit in accordance with Persian religion, which makes it incumbent upon the faithful to make a pilgrimage there at least once during his lifetime. Beyond being feared for by the Persian minister here,

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there will be no official entertainment of the grand vizier in Washington.

Admires America.

Gen. Isaac Khan, who has represented Persia at Washington for the past four years, and who has been promoted to the post of minister to Austria, says he is a great admirer of American energy and progressiveness, and during his stay here he has endeavored to cultivate closer trade relations between the United States and Persia. He has impressed upon his people the advantage of using American inventions, and Persia is rapidly adopting modern implements of agriculture, and is dealing extensively in American products. He says he believes the day is not far distant when trolley cars and electric lights will be in use in Persia. Gen. Khan's brother, Mahmoud, now at Calcutta, it is expected, will succeed to the post here.

WORST OF THE WINTER

Extremely Cold Weather at St. Paul, Kansas City and Milwaukee.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—Extreme cold weather is recorded in various sections of the north and west today. The cold wave extends over a wide area, embracing the upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys and the western lake region. Particularly severe weather is reported in the Dakotas, eastern Montana, northeastern Nebraska, northwest Iowa, and northern Illinois and Indiana and portions of Wisconsin and Michigan.

The thermometer today in this city registers below zero. There is suffering among the poor people and many of the homeless applied at the police stations for shelter. Only one death, that of a fisherman, has so far been reported. The weather bureau observer says that it is possible that the mercury may go to 20 below tomorrow, and that the cold wave will last several days yet.

At St. Paul today the minimum, on the official thermometer was 23 degrees below. Other thermometers registered as low as 40 below. Bismarck reported 23, and Superior, Wis., 26. In a number of places in the northwest it was the coldest weather of the year. A severe blizzard raged at L'Ange, Mich., trains being late and traffic badly impeded.

St. Paul, Jan. 24.—According to the weather observer, the mean temperature prevailing in St. Paul today established a new record, being 27 degrees below zero. The maximum for the day was 22 degrees and the minimum on the official thermometer was 33 below. Other thermometers registered as low as 40 below during the early morning hours. A high wind prevailed early in the day, greatly intensifying the suffering of those compelled to be out of doors.

Kansas City, Jan. 24.—The coldest weather of the winter is being experienced tonight in Kansas and western Missouri. At 7 o'clock tonight the thermometer in Kansas City was 8 above zero and falling, and the weather office says that it will go below zero. Kansas points report zero weather. The ground here is covered with snow. A sharp north wind is blowing.

Milwaukee, Jan. 24.—The coldest weather of the winter was experienced in the entire northwest today. Superior reported a maximum temperature of 36 degrees below zero, La Crosse 24 and Milwaukee 16.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 24.—This is the coldest night of the winter in Detroit and southern Michigan. At 9 o'clock the thermometer in the United States weather office registered 4 degrees below zero, and the prospects were that it would fall to 10 below before morning.

Omaha, Jan. 24.—The coldest weather of the winter was recorded by the weather bureau today. The temperature was 12 below and at no time during the day did the mercury go above the zero mark. The extreme cold is accompanied by a bitter north wind, and indications are for a continuance of the cold tonight.

FANNED BY HIGH WIND.

Flames Cut a Wide Swath in Washington Town.

Seattle, Jan. 24.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer says: Fire which started at 4:30 this morning in Andrews & Burke's brick hall destroyed six buildings and, fanned by a strong wind, for a time threatened the entire town. The loss is between \$40,000 and \$50,000. Only a small portion of the damage was covered by insurance. The buildings burned were Andrews & Burke's hotel, Rogers' saloon, Bliss' general store, Blooms' butcher shop and the American and Overland hotels.

The whole town turned out to fight the flames, and it was only by vigorous work that the fire was prevented from spreading further than it did. The Great Northern employees were called out to save the depot and other company property. The snow, which is two feet on the ground, and the roofs of the buildings proved an efficient weapon against the flames.

MADDENED BY THE COLD.

Elephant Nearly Kills His Keeper at St. Paul.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 24.—Maddened by the intense cold, which had frozen his ears and trunk, an elephant belonging to an animal show which has been exhibiting at a local theatre today almost killed its keeper, Conrad Castens, and partly wrecked the Milwaukee freight house. Many of the attendants had narrow escapes from serious injury. Castens then went to the animal's head and attempted to pacify it, but the beast threw him to the ground and, placing his foot upon him, crushed him in his ribs, and it is believed, fatally injured him. The brute then seized heavy articles of freight in the sheds and began to swing them about, doing much damage. After laboring for nine hours attendants quieted the animal.

FIGHT IN MANCHURIA.

Chinese Successfully Mix It With the Russians.

London, Jan. 24.—The Chefoo correspondent of the Daily Mail cables that an engagement has occurred in the Manchurian railroad between Russian troops and Chinese marauders, in which three Russians were killed.

The government, the correspondent continues, has placed an embargo upon all horses at Port Arthur and has forbidden the sale of provisions without the consent of the authorities. Troops are pouring into Port Arthur from the north, and the entire garrison has been employed in maneuvers. Viceoy Alexieff is suffering from angina pectoris and was unable to attend the military conference held Sunday.

BIG FIRE IN TEXAS.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 24.—Fire today destroyed several blocks of frame business houses at Sour Lake and got into the Cannon tract in the oil fields, doing much damage. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

PLAN TO AVOID MUCH TROUBLE

Exposition Exhibitors Urged to Forward Shipments.

EXPECT SHORTAGE OF CARS

WAREHOUSES PROVIDED BY THE MANAGEMENT.

St. Louis, Jan. 24.—The Louisiana Purchase exposition stands ready and is waiting for the fair and general installation of exhibits. The point has been reached where the management of the exposition is no longer occupied with the rapid advancement toward completion of the buildings, but instead, it now lays particular stress upon the importance of the speedy shipment of exhibits, especially those assembled by domestic exhibitors. Officials of the exposition make the statement to the Associated Press that the one thing of paramount importance to insure the anticipated successful and auspicious opening of the World's fair is the immediate movement by domestic exhibitors to ship cars as rapidly as can be had.

Opening Day Approaching.
Owing to the unprecedented participation by both foreign and domestic exhibitors, vast amounts of exhibits have been and now are in course of arrangement and collection. The time for the opening of the exposition is rapidly approaching, but apparently the knowledge of the fact is not causing the exhibitors to be rushed forward with the promptness and dispatch that is absolutely essential to insure rapid delivery of the cars to the World's fair site, and to avoid possible congestion in the handling of the cars after they have reached St. Louis.

The World's fair management has devoted more than ordinary attention to preparation for the handling of cars and the arrangements are now completed. Adequate railroad facilities are ready, the warehouses have all been erected and all the buildings are in such a state of completion that installation of exhibits can be commenced immediately.

Prompt Shipment Desired.
What the management now most ardently desires is the prompt shipment of exhibits from the different parts of the country to begin immediately. Otherwise, if there be delay, congestion in traffic handling after St. Louis is reached is almost an assured condition.

It is estimated that from 25,000 to 30,000 cars of domestic exhibits alone will reach St. Louis during the last of March and the first of April. As the World's fair opens on April 30 it is said it will be difficult to handle this enormous influx of freight at the last moment. Already foreign exhibits are en route upon the water and foreign countries are concentrating their endeavors to have their exhibit shipments arrive early, to secure prompt handling and delivery at the World's fair grounds, enabling more deliberation and thoroughness in the installation in the buildings.

Shipments Urged.
It is urged by the management of the fair that domestic exhibitors take heed of the importance of immediate shipment and commence forwarding cars without further delay, thereby enabling prompt and efficient service in delivery to the exposition site and avoiding the possibility of delay. It is certain to occur if shipments are delayed until the last moment prior to the opening of the exposition.

PANIC IN GERMAN THEATRE.

An Actor Succeeded in Calming the Audience.

Berlin, Jan. 24.—During the performance tonight at the Deutsches theatre the fall of a portion of the ceiling of the corridor caused great excitement. With the exception of an usher, who was slightly hurt, no one was injured. The falling ceiling made a great crash and the audience rose to its feet in panic. From the stage an actor assured the people there was no danger and quiet was restored. The excitement subsided the play was resumed.

BUILDING COLLAPSED.

Saw Mill Man Killed Near Weiser, Idaho.

Weiser, Ida., Jan. 24.—The news reached here yesterday evening that by the collapse of a mill building at Meadows, in the northern part of this county, Frank Hill was killed and his brother, Jasper, made from injuries received. The brothers own a sawmill about three miles from Meadows. They were piling lumber in the upper part of the mill building, when the entire building collapsed, burying them under a pile of lumber and timbers.

ICE GORGE FORMED IN MAUMEE BAY.

Toledo, O., Jan. 24.—Another gorge formed early this morning in Maumee bay and at 10 o'clock tonight the water had reached a point higher by several inches than it was any time yesterday. The artificial gas plant has been shut down, but there is enough gas on hand in the tanks to keep the city supplied until morning.

At 7 o'clock tonight it was 10 degrees below zero and was getting colder very fast.

This morning four men imprisoned on the terminal bridge draw and four men on the draw of the Wheeling & Lake Erie bridge were rescued by the crew from the Marblehead life saving station. A rope was shot out to the bridge with a line and the men slid to safety in the buoy.

DESTRUCTION THREATENED

Immense Ice Gorge Formed in Susquehanna River.

SEVERAL TOWNS SUBMERGED

CONSIDERABLE SUFFERING AT WHEELING, W. VA.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 24.—Telephone advices received here tonight by the Associated Press representative state that an ice gorge has formed in the Susquehanna river and for a distance of thirty miles the river is entirely blocked. Nearly the whole town of Rupert is submerged, and on Water street the water comes up to the second story. The Pennsylvania railroad station is surrounded by water and several houses have been moved from their foundations, and the great majority of the farms are under water.

At Bloomsburg the ice is jammed up forty feet high, and the large bridge over the Susquehanna at that place has been moved five feet and is expected to collapse at any moment. One-third of the town of Bloomsburg is submerged by the waters of the Susquehanna and Fishing creek.

The village of Espy, two miles north of Bloomsburg, is partially submerged. Many families have been driven from their homes by the rush of waters, and many have narrow escapes. Farmers in many instances had all their horses, cows and other livestock drowned.

The river here tonight registered 17.5, a fall of four feet from its highest stage, and there is every indication that the flood danger has passed at this point for the time being, the river being clear of ice.

FLOOD AT WHEELING.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 24.—The crest of the flood swell was reached at 4 o'clock this afternoon, when the stage was forty-four feet two inches. Fully one-third of the homes in the city were wholly or partially inundated, and the sharp fall in temperature has caused a great deal of suffering. On the island very streets are out of the water, and many second stories are invaded, but the residents are accustomed to floods and have made arrangements accordingly. Many halls and churches have been thrown open for the accommodation of those who are suffering.

Word reached here this evening that Joe Cutler and Charles Reynolds, who cut loose in a light barge from the steamer Lizzie Townsend when that boat burned Saturday night, were picked up early this morning. The town boat Sam Brown sighted the craft at Sistersville and heard the cries of the men for help. The steamer gave chase for five miles, and finally overhauled the barge and took the two men off, more dead than alive.

In Benwood there is not a single block that is high and dry, and the 5,000 people there are living in second stories or on the hillsides, while the suffering is intense. In Bellaire, Bridgeport and Martin's Ferry, on the Ohio side, the situation is not so bad, as the ground is higher.

TOWN UNDER WATER.

Pitiable Plight of People at New Cumberland, W. Va.

New Cumberland, W. Va., Jan. 24.—Fully one-half of this town is under twelve feet of water tonight and a blizzard is raging. Dozens of factories are submerged, and the big Chelsea China company plant is greatly damaged.

At Empire, two miles above, on the other side of the Ohio river, the town is under ten to fifteen feet of water and practically the entire population is camped out in box cars. Six miles above Empire a heavy landslide has covered the Cleveland & Pittsburg railroad tracks.

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TIMELY TROUBLES

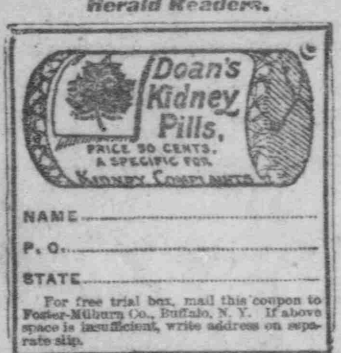
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